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SUBJECT: ABORTED BAAH-NEWSOM MEETING

1. FOLLOWING BACKGROUND PROVIDED EMBASSY TO ASSIST IN COPING WITH REPORTS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MAY RECEIVE FROM MISSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK REGARDING BAAH'S RECEPTION IN U.S.
2. AMBASSADOR AMONOO WAS INFORMED SEPT. 29 THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE UNABLE SEE BAAH. AMONOO TOLD IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ARRANGE MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY. AMONOO REPLIED HE WOULD CONSULT WITH BAAH.
3. ON OCT. 1 AMONOO ASKED THAT IN VIEW OF SECRETARY'S INABILITY SEE BAAH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM CALL ON BAAH AT EMBASSY DURING BAAH'S OCT. 3 VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND THAT NEWSOM ATTEND LUNCHEON IN BAAH'S HONOR BEING HOSTED BY AMONOO SAME DAY. AMBASSADOR INFORMED THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE, AS NEWSOM SCHEDULED BE IN NEW YORK OCT. 3 TO
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WELCOME PRESIDENTS HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY AND MOBUTU. AMONOO

DECLINED DESK OFF'S OFFER TRY ARRANGE CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY.
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES ROSS AND SMITH, AS WELL AS
DR. ADAMS, MR. MCGINLEY OF USIA, AGGREY AND BISHOP ATTENDED
AMONOO LUNCHEON FOR BAAH.

4. DESKOFF SUGGESTED TO AMONOO THAT AN EFFORT BE MADE TO
SCHEDULE A NEWSOM-BAAH MEETING IN NEW YORK, AND AMONOO
WAS TOLD LOGISTICS WOULD HAVE TO BE HANDLED BY USUN AND
GHANAIAAN MISSION IN NEW YORK. AMONOO ACCEPTED THIS PRO-
POSAL. USUN TELEPHONED GHANAIAAN MISSION OCT. 2 AND WAS
INFORMED NO TIME COULD BE SET FOR AN APPOINTMENT PRIOR
TO BAAH'S RETURN FROM WASHINGTON OCT. 4. DESKOFF THEN
INFORMED AMONOO OF GHANAIAAN MISSION'S RESPONSE AND ADVISED
HIM THAT NEWSOM'S SCHEDULE FOR OCT. 5, LAST DAY HE THEN
PLANNED BE IN NEW YORK, PROBABLY WOULD BE FILLED BY OCT. 4.

5. AMONOO'S SECRETARY TELEPHONED DESKOFF LATER OCT. 2,
ADVISING THAT BAAH-NEWSOM APPOINTMENT HAD BEEN ARRANGED
FOR 10:00 A.M. OCT. 5. FROM SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION
WITH AMONOO, APPEARS HE INSTRUCTED HIS SECRETARY TO REQUEST
APPOINTMENT AT THAT TIME (DESPITE WHAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD
ABOUT LOGISTICS BEING HANDLED IN NEW YORK) AND THAT
SECRETARY MISUNDERSTOOD HIS INSTRUCTIONS. AMONOO
APPARENTLY INFORMED BAAH THAT APPOINTMENT HAD BEEN SET,
FOR GHANAIAAN MISSION TELEPHONED USUN AT 10:15 OCT. 5 TO
INQUIRE WHY MR. NEWSOM HAD NOT ARRIVED.

6. IN EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE GHANAIAANS, USUN PROPOSED
SEVERAL TIMES LATE OCT. 5 AND MORNING OCT. 6 WHEN NEWSOM
COULD CALL ON BAAH. GHANAIAANS REPLIED THAT BAAH BUSY AT
EACH HOUR SUGGESTED.

7. DEPTOFF BRIEFED PRIVATE GHANAIAAN WHO WAS TO SPEND
OCT. 7 WITH BAAH BASIS FOR MISUNDERSTANDING. SAME
POINTS WILL BE MADE WITH DEBRAH, WHO IS EXPECTED IN
WASHINGTON AFTER BAAH'S DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK. HOWEVER,
AMONOO'S PAST PERFORMANCE SUGGESTS THAT IN REPORTING
SITUATION TO ACCRA HE WILL TRY SHIFT BLAME FOR MISUNDER-
STANDING TO OTHER SHOULDERS. KISSINGER

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